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MEAC-SWAC Conference Claim Bias In Basketball

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—Officials from the nation's two predominantly black NCAA Division I conferences are questioning the computer selection process for the 48-team national basketball championship tournament.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference are among seven leagues without automatic bids to this year's tournament, which began last Thursday.

"You can't expect a computer to give you all the right answers," Southern University Coach Roger Cador told the Houston Post in Tuesday's editions. "They need to leave the human element in the process."

The SWAC, which lost its automatic bid in 1990, hasn't been represented in the 48-team field since 1989. The MEAC never has had an automatic bid, nor have any of its members been given an at-large position in the tournament.

The Southern Jaguars were overlooked by the NCAA selection committee for the second consecutive year, despite winning the SWAC title with a 31-12 record.

MEAC champion Florida A&M, whose alumni include such current major-league stars as Andre Dawson, Vince Coleman, Brian McRae and Marquis Grissom, finished the season at 22-25.

By comparison, Rider College won the East Coast Conference tournament this year to claim the league's automatic berth and will advance to the East Regional with an 18-33 record.

Dennis Poppe, director of the NCAA championships committee, said although the human element hasn't been deleted, the decision of the selection committee does weigh heavily on the Ratings Percentage Index.

The RPI, a computer program which also is used in determining the 64 teams for the NCAA basketball tournament, tells the selection committee which are the strongest teams out of the 274 Division I baseball programs in respect to their record, their opponents' record and the record of their opponents' opponents.

"Our system is as unbiased as it can be," Poppe said. "When selecting a field for a national tournament, you have to base your selections on performance. Just having a winning record isn't good enough. You have to look at who a team won its games against."

Officials at black schools, however, have noticed what they believe to be a disturbing discriminatory undercurrent in the way the NCAA has chosen to select its tournament field.

In the last five years, SWAC representatives are 1-6 in regional play. The victory came in 1987 when Southern became the first black school to win an NCAA tournament game by upsetting Fullerton State 1-0. Jackson State, the SWAC champion in 1989, was the most recent entry and was blasted by Texas A&M in College Station 23-3.

"I think that was the straw that

broke the camel's back as far as the SWAC losing its automatic bid," Cador said.

Automatic bids are awarded each November, and the NCAA's position on taking away the SWAC's was a simple one.

"Their won-loss record was not on par with the other conferences around the nation," Poppe said.

But neither are the regional records of some other conferences. The Southern Conference, for example, has maintained an automatic bid despite being 2-12 in regional play since 1987.

Such statistics make Cador believe small colleges, and specifically black schools, are not being allowed to play with the larger, predominantly white universities. Black schools in particular are penalized, officials say, because they don't have the fiscal resources with which to play the competitive schedule put together by most Top 25 teams.

"We're tied to playing our conference games and a few other schools," Cador said. "We have no other alternatives."

"I'm not calling for any hand-outs. I think you should earn everything you get. But let's face it. America has to look at itself from the big picture. You just can't expect things to be equal when it never has been equal."

"There are some areas that create discrimination by the way the system is designed. The black schools were never funded [by the states] the way the white universities are."



MOTON TO N.C. CENTRAL—High scoring guard Levelle Moton of Enloe will play CIAA basketball at N.C. Central in Durham. Moton averaged 27-points and eight assists en route to Cap Five 4-A Conference Player of the Year

honors. Moton, No. 22, a clutch shooter and defensive player had a high game of 51-points at Cary. (Photo by James Giles)

Independent Insurance Agents Sponsoring Youth Golf Tourney

The annual youth golf tournaments sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina are approaching quickly, and junior golfers who want to participate should register now.

Junior girls may participate in the second annual N.C. Junior Women's Insurance Golf Classic planned for July 17 at Mid Pines Resort in Southern Pines. It is open to all girls in age divisions 10 and under, 11 to 14, and 15 to 18. Ages 10 and under play nine holes, while the other divisions play 18. Trophies are given for the top two scores in each division.

Also slated is the annual Insurance Youth Golf Classic, the largest national amateur golf tournament in the country, sponsored by Independent Insurance Agents of America. The IYGC begins at the local level with regional tournaments, and about 120 top scorers are invited to the state tournament, held this year in North Carolina at Mid Pines Resort in Southern Pines on July 18-19. The state champion and top runners-up compete for trophies in the national IYGC in Pinehurst on Aug. 13-18.

Eligibility rules require that this year's participants be amateurs under the age of 18 as of Aug. 18, and that they register by June 8. Both male and female golfers may enter. The Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina have outlined three age brackets for golfers competing in the North Carolina regional tournaments.

Those in the 11 and under brackets play nine holes from the junior's tees and compete for first and second place trophies, but

winners do not participate in the state tournament. Age divisions 12 to 14 and 15 to 18 play 18 holes from the men's tee positions and may advance to the state and national tournaments.

Nine sites have been chosen for regional tournaments. They are Brook Valley Country Club in Greenville on July 7, Gates Four Golf and Country Club in Fayetteville on June 29, Wilmington Golf Course in Wilmington on June 30, Bermuda Run Country Club in Winston-Salem on June 29, Providence Country Club in Charlotte on June 29, Rock Barn Club of Golf in Conover on July 6, Springdale Country Club in Canton on June 29, Longleaf Country Club in Southern Pines on June 20, and Wake Forest Country Club on June 15, which will be played with the North State Junior Tournament practice round.

The North Carolina IYGC Committee said it is pleased to host the national tournament this year.

which will bring a beginning field of 120 players plus chaperones, parents, volunteers, media and a large gallery to Pinehurst for the four-day event. The tournament consists of four rounds of 36 holes each on Pinehurst Country Club's renowned course No. 11.

During the final round, 20 PGA touring pros play alongside those making the cut. They also hold a pro clinic and breakfast with the players. Traditionally, the tournament has featured some of the best future college players in the country.

Applications for the regional tournaments and the junior women's tournament may be obtained from any independent insurance agents displaying the "Big I" logo, from local club professionals, high school coaches and the Independent Insurance Agents' state headquarters in Raleigh. Call 828-4371 for more details.

Al Joyner Drops Out Olympics

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—Olympic gold medalist Al Joyner said stress from a May 8 confrontation with police has made it impossible for him to train for next month's Olympic trials.

Joyner, a 32-year-old hurdler and triple jumper, said the incident has caused him to lose sleep and nearly 10 pounds. He said he'd also lost his competitive edge.

"I just couldn't train," Joyner said. "This isn't like I pulled a muscle or had a bad day. This is messing with my frame of mind. Given that, I have no choice but to give up on the Olympics this year."

Police in Hollywood pulled Joyner over twice on May 8 in what officers described as routine questioning but Joyner said was racially motivated harassment.

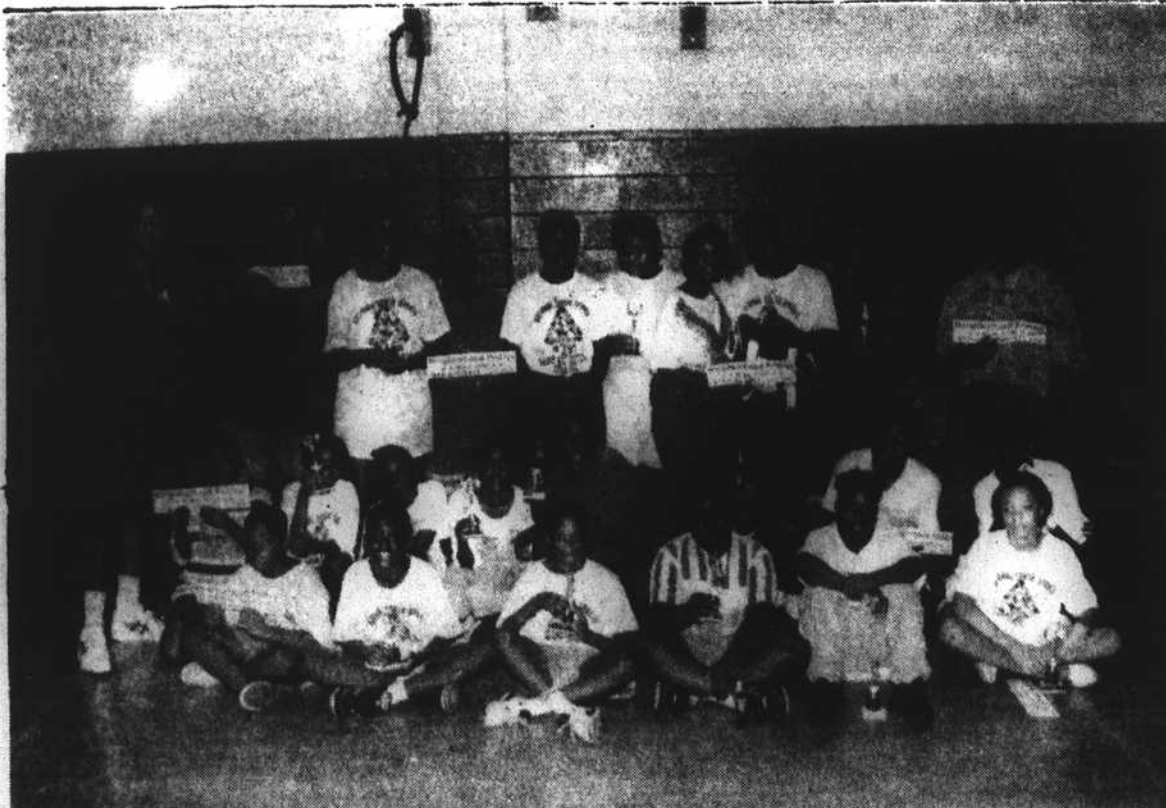
Joyner, who won a gold medal in the triple jump at the 1984 Olympics, said on each occasion he was ordered out of his sports car at gunpoint, handcuffed and told to kneel on the sidewalk.

Police have defended stopping Joyner. Officers said he was stopped the first time because he was driving erratically and was pulled over a few blocks later as a suspect in a hit-and-run collision.

He was not arrested in either incident.



OBSERVING ACTION—Bonnie A. Mack, Jr., meet director and coach of the Capital City Comets Track Club, has been busy preparing his host club for the North Carolina Association/TAC Junior Olympic sectional championship to be held Saturday, June 6, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Saint Augustine's College Track Complex. Joining the Comets from the Triangle will be the Carolina Eagles (Raleigh) and the Durham Striders. (Photo by James Giles)



SUMMER CAMP—St. Augustine's College prepares for 1992 National Youth Sports Program from June 15 to July 17. This summer camp includes training in six sports and daily enrichment classes centered around nutrition, drug abuse, health issues, self-esteem, careers, and grooming. Youngsters from ages 10-16 are eligible if they meet

certain guidelines. Transportation and two meals will be provided. Pictured above are Roy Ector, director of activities, and the youth who were honored during the 1991 Summer Camp. Coach Harvey Heartley is project director.

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COACH HEARTLEY - Project Administrator or ROY ECTOR - Activities Director at 828-4451, Ext. 407 or 315 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

NYSP BUS SCHEDULES

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